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DR. LYONS TO LECTURE ON SMYTH FOUNDATION

THE Smyth Lectures for the school year of 1937-38 are to be delivered during the week of January 31-February 4 by Dr. J. Sprole Lyons, Pastor Emeritus of the First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Columbia Theological Seminary. These dates represent a postponement of one week from the period originally announced for the series, as it has been found wise to have the lectures delivered during the second week of the Rural Pastors' Institute rather than the first.

The Smyth Foundation at Columbia Seminary was established through the generosity of the late Rev. Thomas Smyth, D.D., Pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of Charleston, S. C., and its income has been the means of bringing a succession of distinguished ministers and scholars to speak at the institution over a period of many years. The delivery of a series of lectures upon that Foundation by Dr. Lyons, however, will be an event of peculiar significance in the life of the Seminary and of unusual interest to the Presbyterians of Atlanta and of Georgia. During the more than fifty years of his ministry Dr. Lyons has served in several of the strategic pulpits of the Presbyterian Church, U. S., and has rendered an outstanding service as preacher, as pastor, and as leader in all of the activities of his denomination. In 1913 the General Assembly of his Church recognized and rewarded that leadership by electing him as its Moderator. More perhaps than any other individual, Dr. Lyons has been responsible for the bringing of Columbia Seminary to Atlanta and for its establishment here as an institution of increasing significance in the life of the Southeastern States. His selection as Smyth Lecturer for 1937-38 marks at once the recognition by the Seminary of the important part which he has played in its life as in that of the entire Church, and an addition on his part to the great service which he has already rendered to the institution.

Dr. Lyons has been known for years as one of the outstanding expository preachers of his denomination and his sermons have won him a lasting place not only

in the hearts of those who have been members of his congregations but in those of thousands who have heard him preach through the facilities of radio station WSB. Hence it is highly fitting that he should have chosen "Expository Preaching" as the subject of the six lectures which he will deliver to theological students and to their friends. The series will be delivered in the Seminary Chapel at 7:30 each evening during the period announced with a morning lecture at 10:15 on Friday, February 4.

RURAL PASTORS' INSTITUTE

THE annual Rural Pastors' Institute at Columbia Seminary will be held this year from January 24th through February 4th. Dr. Henry W. McLaughlin, Director of Country Church and Sunday School Extension, will again cooperate with the faculty of the Seminary in providing this opportunity for the ministers of the Southeastern Synods, and will offer courses on "Rebuilding Rural America" and on "Sunday School Extension" throughout this period. Rev. Joseph H. Cudlipp, Pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Richmond, Va., will also continue the service which he has rendered at these Institutes by offering courses on "Case Work in Evangelism," on "Worship," and on "The Leadership of Recreational Activities."

In addition to these special courses and to the Smyth Lectures, visiting ministers will also have the opportunity to receive instruction from regular members of the Seminary Faculty. During the first week of the program Dr. Samuel A. Cartledge will deliver a series of five lectures on the "Synoptic Problem" for those who are interested in the late developments in the field of New Testament literature. On later days of the Institute Dr. Patrick H. Carmichael will offer a course on "Personal Religious Living" which will be designed to aid in the devotional life both of the minister and of his people. Opportunity will be given for a frank and free discussion of the more practical phases of Christian living. At an afternoon hour during the first week of the Institute Dr. William C. Robinson will deliver a series of addresses on "The Word of the Cross." These lectures, which are entitled respectively "The Centrality

of the Cross," "The Riddle of Calvary," "Reconciled to God by the Death of His Son," "The Cross—the Only Foundation of a Just Forgiveness," "A Mediation of Love," and "The Lamb of God" are to be delivered by special invitation at the Free Church College, Edinburgh, from March 8-16, at which time Dr. Robinson will be on leave of absence from his teaching duties in order that he may pursue studies in Europe.

For further information and for registration in the Institute, communications should be addressed to Dr. Henry W. McLaughlin, Box 1176, Richmond, Va.

PUBLICATION OF LECTURES BY DR. W. S. PLUMER BRYAN

AN event of real interest to friends of Columbia Seminary was the recent publication of the Lectures delivered on the Smyth Foundation twenty years ago by Dr. W. S. Plumer Bryan. A native of Pennsylvania, Dr. Bryan received his early training at Davidson College and at Columbia Seminary. In the course of a long and fruitful ministry he served as pastor of a number of important churches in both Northern and Southern states and in 1917 he returned to his theological Alma Mater as Smyth Lecturer.

Dr. Bryan's lectures, entitled "An Inquiry Into Our Need of the Grace of God," have been published now by the members of his family as a memorial volume. The theme of his work is clearly stated in its title and its content makes it a worthy addition to the library of any minister or layman. In emphasizing anew the love as well as the Sovereignty of God and man's utter dependence upon Divine Grace, Dr. Bryan sounded a note which is appropriate to this or to any day, and the publication of his lectures should supply a real need in the Church. The volume may be secured through the Presbyterian Committee of Publication in Richmond.

